Agricultural Chemical Usage 2003 Selected Fruits - Apples, Peaches

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Pesticides

APPLES - Herbicides were applied to 34 percent of the 20,000 acres of apple trees. Simazine was the leading herbicide applied to apples at a total amount applied of 4,300 pounds. This was applied to 14 percent of the apple acreage at a rate of 1.40 pounds per acre. The second largest herbicide used on Pennsylvania apples was Diuron at 3,600 pounds.

Insecticides were applied to 86 percent of Pennsylvania's apple crop. Petroleum distillate was by far the largest insecticide applied to apples,

with a total amount of 214,400 pounds and applied to 42 percent of Pennsylvania's apple acreage. The next insecticide was Azinphosmethyl at 22,100 pounds.

Fungicides were applied to 80 percent of apples. Captan was the leading fungicide used on apples as it was applied to 60 percent of Pennsylvania's apple acreage. The total amount applied was 67,800 pounds, at a rate of 0.92 pounds per acre. The second leading fungicide used was Mancozeb at an amount of 40,400 pounds. This was applied to 35 percent of Pennsylvania's apple acreage.

Pennsylvania: Apples - Pesticide, Bearing Acreage, Percent of Area Receiving Applications and Total Applied, 2003

| Crop | Bearing Acreage | Area Receiving and Total Applied | | | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | Herbicide | | Insecticide 1 | | Fungicide 1 | | Other Chemicals | |
| | Acres | Percent | 1,000 Lbs. | Percent | 1,000 Lbs. | Percent | 1,000 Lbs. | Percent | 1,000 Lbs. |
| Apples | 20,000 | 34 | 17.2 | 86 | 288.5 | 80 | 219.7 | 13 | 1.2 |

¹Total Applied excludes Bt's (Bacillus thuringiensis) and other biologicals. Quantities are not available because amounts of active ingredient are not comparable between products.

Pennsylvania: Apples - Agricultural Chemical Applications, 2003 1 Active Ingredient Area Applied Applications Rate Per Application Rate Per Crop Year Total Applied 1,000 Lbs. Percent Number Pounds Per Acre Herbicides: 2,4-D 12 0.76 0.78 1.9 15 Diuron 1.0 3.6 1.19 1.23 Glyphosate 0.91 1.01 2.9 Paraquat 4.3 0.4 14 1.0 1.40 Simazine Terbcil 0.61 Insecticides: 12 0.008 0.004 Abamectin 62 22.1 Azinphos-methyl Benzoic acid 36 Bifenazate 8 0.17 0.25 0.4 25 27 Carbaryl 1.3 0.96 1.30 6.5 5.4 9.7 Chlorpyrifos 0.67 0.99 35 Diazinon 1.38 Endosulfan 19 17 Esfenvalerate 1.5 0.03 0.1 Fenpropathrin 1.8 0.13 0.23 8.0 42 10 0.6 0.2 2) 1.8 2.4 1.9 Imidacloprid 0.03 0.07 Indoxacarb 0.04 0.09 Lambda-cyhalothrin 0.01 19 0.20 0.47 Methomyl 4 12 Oxamyl 1.2 0.40 0.51 0.4 Permethrin 2.1 0.08 0.17 0.4 42 Petroleum distillate 19 25 25 53 214.4 37 7 19.7 Phosmet 3.8 Pyridaben Fungicides: 2.4 0.3 14 0.88 Basic copper sulfate 2 0.32 0.71 Benomyl 60 0.92 5.67 67.8 Captan Copper hydroxide 10 Cyprodinil 15 0.21 0.6 12 13 Fenarimol 0.030.15 0.4 Kresoxim-methyl 0.7 0.27 35 4.6 1.23 5.70 40.4 Mancozeb 5.96 0.9 Maneb 2.3 Myclobutanil 46 9 Streptomycin 1.8 0.09 0.17 2.5 4.3 Sulfur 2.67 6.88 15.3 Thiophanate-methyl 53 18 0.21 0.94 10.0 4.5 Thiram 6.12 21.5 Trifloxystrobin 0.07 0.2 Triflumizole 12 17 Ziram 5.05 16.9 Other Chemicals: 8 1.3 0.03 0.05 0.1 Benzvladenine Butenoic Acid Hydro. 1.0 0.08 0.09 0.1 Ethephon Gibberellins A4A7 8 1.3 0.01 0.01 18 0.02 0 í Prohexadione calcium 0.240.2

^{*} Area applied is less than 0.5 percent. ¹ Bearing acres in 2003 for Pennsylvania were 20,000 acres. ² Total applied is less than 50 lbs.